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DEVELOPMENT OF LIGHT WEIGHT TORPEDO
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation has developed light weight torpedo;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expenditure incurred on R&D for torpedo during the last three years; and

(d) the time by which the production of light weight torpedo is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Light Weight Torpedo, developed under the project, Advanced Experimental Torpedo, is now named "Torpedo Advanced Light" (TAL). The torpedo has undergone technical trials during 1994-1998 and user trials during 1998-2000. User evaluation trials using Designed & Engineered (D&E) models of the Torpedo were conducted during 2003-2005. Navy has termed these trials as successful and satisfactory.

(c) The expenditure during last three years is given below:-

Year	Rs. in lakhs
2003-2004	164.93
2004-2005	36.94
2005-2006	23.63
Total	225.50

(Rupees Two Hundred Twenty Five Lakhs and Fifty Thousand only)

(d) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), Hyderabad has submitted budgetary quotation for 25 numbers of torpedo to Integrated Headquarters (Navy). Production will start immediately after placement of order.